THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 3rd April 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at eleven of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" As the Minister wants to go, I am taking question No. 142 out of turn."

Supply channel to Gudapakkam irrigation channel.

* 142 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the supply channel to Gudapakkam irrigation tank has been filled up and levelled by the Military when the Gudapakkam forest was cleared ;

(*b*) whether the villagers of Gudapakkam have addressed the Hon. Minister for Public Works to excavate and clear the supply channel at an early date; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) No. But it is understood that the ryots sent a petition to the Tahsildar about two years ago.

" (*c*) The portions levelled up by the military have been partially cleared by the ryots themselves. The channel requires silt clearance now and the work will be carried out without delay."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the work will be carried out before the next cultivation season? "

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" I have a telephone message from the Collector to say that he has personally taken it on hand and will get it completed ere long."

The Madras Vigilance Association and the Sri Sadana.

* 130-A Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Home Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received by the Government that unless assistance was immediately forthcoming, the